



Rep. Haddad tours the UConn Center for Clean Energy Engineering with its Director, Prabhakar Singh, Ph.D

Creating Jobs - My Number 1 Priority

We passed many job creating measures this year that will use our strengths to help improve our state’s economy:

- » Jump-started the long-planned technology park at UConn that will spur job creation in Eastern CT. Anchored by an Innovation Partnership Building, the tech park will attract private research funding to UConn and help state businesses grow through collaboration with the University
- » Expanded the scope and mission of UConn Health Center by creating a bioscience research center that will create hundreds of temporary construction jobs and permanent bioscience jobs
- » Rejected dismantling our vocational-technical schools that teach the skills that put people to work
- » Strengthened our brownfield remediation programs by funding clean up and re-use of contaminated and abandoned properties for economic development, open space or other public uses.

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Dear Neighbors,

I have served you as your State Representative for one year and I’m taking this opportunity to share with you a report on my work at the Capitol. The challenges have been great. When I was sworn in, our state faced a serious fiscal crisis. Without changes, our budget would have been \$7 billion out of balance over two years. Working with Governor Malloy, the legislature adopted a spending and tax plan that balances the state budget by being responsible and making difficult choices.



Now, we are projected to end the year with a small surplus, but our work is not done. Our economy continues to recover, but too slowly. Many residents remain jobless as the unemployment rate hovers around 9 percent. The legislature met this fall in special session to work on a package of jobs initiatives. When the 2012 session begins in February, jobs, education and fiscally-responsible government will continue to be our top priorities.

I hope you and your family enjoy a happy holiday season and a good start to the new year. As always, please call or email me at my office if I can be of assistance to you.

Best Regards,

Gregg Haddad
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Rep. Haddad at the ground breaking for Storrs Center.

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Energy Reform

The electric market deregulation enacted years ago hasn't worked as intended, so this year we passed a major act to help reduce costs for customers. This legislation aims to reduce energy costs by employing several strategies:

- » Invested in energy efficiency and clean energy technologies in both homes and businesses
- » Reformed state agencies to provide tighter controls over energy companies
- » Achieves long-term savings for all electric customers.

Education Funding and the Safety Net

As we worked to reduce state spending, we also acted to preserve priority funding in areas like education and critical programs:

- » Protected public school funding
- » Expanded the school breakfast program
- » Instituted the earned income tax credit
- » Created a coordinated system for early childhood education
- » Strengthened school anti-bullying laws.

A Responsible, Leaner Government

The challenge of closing the state's \$3.5 Billion budget deficit was met in part by making substantial reforms to state government. We owe a debt of gratitude to state employees who voluntarily agreed to wage and benefit reductions that will save taxpayers millions of dollars.

- » Reduced the number of state agencies by 30 percent from 81 to 56
- » Encourages all three branches of state government to go "paperless"
- » Adopted a budget with over \$700 million in spending cuts, no borrowing, fully funded pension obligations and a commitment to stay below the constitutional spending cap.



Sen. Williams, Gov. Malloy, Lt. Gov. Wyman and Rep. Haddad at the bill signing for the UConn Tech Park.

Access to Better Health Care, Paid Sick Days

With thousands of uninsured residents and even more with inadequate insurance, increasing access to quality, affordable health care is a top a priority. This year we passed several important pieces of legislation:

- » Offered savings to municipalities and non-profits by allowing them to join the state health care pool
- » Expanded health care access for young people by requiring insurance companies to cover dependant children up to age 26
- » Ensured that service industry workers at companies with more than 50 employees will earn up to 5 paid sick days annually to care for themselves or their families.

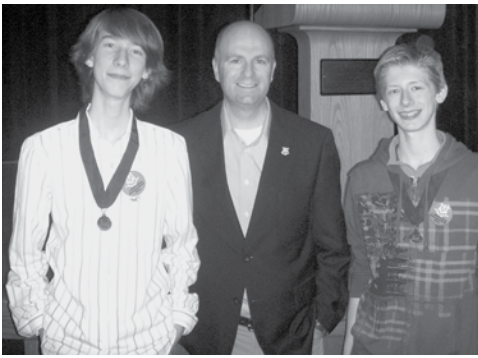
Preserving Farms and Agriculture

Protecting farmlands and expanding farm businesses not only creates jobs, but preserves Connecticut's quality of life particularly in Northeast CT. The strengthened Community Investment Act:

- » Established a matching grant program for towns to help farmers promote their farms
- » Created the "Connecticut Farm Link Program," a database that connects buyers with farmers wanting to sell their operations or farmland
- » Encourages the sale of Connecticut grown products.



Rep. Haddad with award winning Mansfield Middle School students on History Day.



SURVEY

No simple survey will capture the nuances of difficult public policy debates, but occasionally it may be helpful in assessing public opinion about important issues. That is why I have decided to conduct a short survey on two critical issues. Your identity will remain confidential, however, I ask for your name and address so that I can send a summary of the results of this survey to you. As always, please feel free to correspond by mail or email or call me to share more specific thoughts you might have on these or other issues.

1. **Job creation is the top priority for the state legislature. What strategy do you think is most effective?**
 - A. Tax incentives for companies to relocate and grow in Connecticut
 - B. Reducing business regulation and streamlining permitting time lines
 - C. Workforce development investments in vo-tech schools, colleges and universities
 - D. Grants to help finance new start-up companies
2. **Most economists agree that the foundation of a healthy economy is a quality primary and secondary education system. What reform do think is most critical to preserving and improving our schools?**
 - A. Investing more state money into local public schools
 - B. Promoting alternative public schools like charter and magnet schools
 - C. Lengthening the school day and increasing classroom time
 - D. Return to the basics: math, science, reading
 - E. Resist policies that encourage "teaching to the test"

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Please visit my website to respond to my survey online:
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